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Roger:

The arrangements for the planetary microbiology meeting are for Saturday February 21, 10AM -- (4:30?) at the Biophysics Laboratory here.

Would you extend our invitation to Dan Mazia, Gunther Stent, Calvin and Weaver as well as yourself?

Aaron would have been particularly inconvenienced by a Friday meeting, and many of the others would have at least preferred Saturday. I had to give Jastrow a firm date over the phone.

Jastrow called today from NASA-- he is chairman of the working group on planetary exploration which is meeting this Saturday to plan a moonshot. Contrary to what Gold insisted on, they think it is possible to design a hard (no-deceleration) landing cushioned enough to protect instruments. Since this would (a) also protect any contaminant organisms, and (b) probably give circumlunar spread of fragments, this is possibly the worst combination of circumstances. He was almost insistent that I should drop everything and attend this meeting, but he agreed to wait for a report from our group, and he may come himself or send a representative. Unfortunately this somewhat shortcircuits Rossi and his committee, and may reflect the urgency of the situation.

I will send some memoranda later. Thanks for the Space Committee Minutes.

Yours

  
Joshua Lederberg

Tentative Roster:

Stanford:	Berkeley	Caltech	also
Bracewell	Calvin	Horowitz	Novick
Krauskopf	Mazia	Davies	Marr
VanNiel	Stanier	(J.P.L.)	Jastrow
Lederberg	Stent		
	Weaver		

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